

KEY FACTS ABOUT

Children birth to 3 years,
their families, and
the child care system
that serves them

Minnesota

Total population: 4,919,479

U.S. Census 2000



An average of 7,805 children 0–3 are served per month by the Child Care and Development Fund

(FY 2001 ACF-801 data)

In Federal Fiscal Year 2004 the Infant/Toddler Child Care and Development Fund Set-Aside = \$1,263,465

(FY 2004 CCDF Allocations and Earmarks,
U.S. Dept. of HHS, ACF)



786 children served by 11 grantees are in Early Head Start

(2003 Early Head Start Funded Enrollment)
(EHSNRC Database—April 2004)

65% of all the requests for child care to the child care resource and referral programs were for infant and toddler care

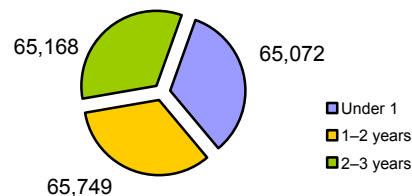
(Child Care Profile, United States/NACCRRA, March 2003)



3,267 children under 3 are served by the Early Intervention program

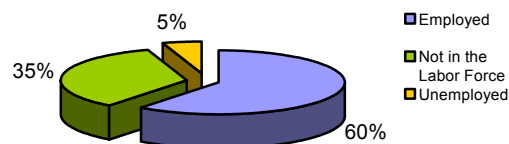
(U.S. Dept. of Education, Office of Special Ed. Programs,
Data Analysis System (DANS), Dec. 2002)

195,989 Children Under 3 Live in Minnesota



U.S. Census 2000

60% of Minnesota Women with Children Under the Age of 3 Are in the Labor Force



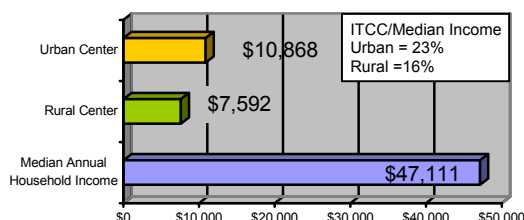
Current Population Survey, March 2001

Professional Development of Infant/Toddler Caregivers

Infant/Toddler Caregiver Credential:	No
Infant/Toddler Child Development Associate*:	76 issued in 2002 48 issued in 1998
Early Learning Guidelines for 0–3:	No

*Council on Professional Recognition

Annual Cost of Infant/Toddler Child Care as a Percent of Median Income



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In Center-Based Care the staff-to-child ratios are

1:4 for infants (under 16 months); 1:7 for toddlers (16 to 32 months); 1:10 for preschoolers (33 months until kindergarten entry)

A child may be designated as an infant up to 18 months, as a toddler up to 35 months or as a preschooler at 31 months for the purposes of staff to child ratios if the parent, teacher and center director determine that the designation is in the best interests of the child. Infants may not be grouped with children in other age categories. (State Licensing Regulations)

In Family Child Care the staff-to-child ratios are

1:10 (with 6 under kindergarten age, with no more than 3 infants and toddlers, and of these only 2 infants)
1:5 (with 3 under kindergarten age, all 3 may be infants: applies to Specialized Infant and Toddler Family Day Care)

Different ratios exist for Group Family Day Care and Specialized Infant and Toddler Group Family Day Care. (State Licensing Regulations)

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For more information about Minnesota go to:

<http://nccic.org/statedata/statepro/minnesot.html>

